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For: METHOD FOR SETTING FIRING TEMPERATURE OF CERIUM CARBONATE,
METHOD FOR PRODUCING CERIUM OXIDE ABRASIVES AND CERIUM OXIDE
ABRASIVES OBTAINED BY THE METHOD

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith, except for the following:
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The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed: (1) No later than three months from the application's filing date; (2) Before the mailing date of the first Office Action

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application citing such documents (Office Action issued on January 23, 2008 in Taiwanese Patent Application No. 93121586).

In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations: English-language abstracts are being submitted for JP 2002-097457 and JP 2002-138275, which constitute a concise explanation of relevance for these documents.

As a further concise statement of relevance, the listed U.S. Published Application 2003/0172595 corresponds to JP 2002-097457, the listed U.S. Patent 6,221,118 corresponds to JP 2002-138275, and the listed U.S. Patent 6,602,111 corresponds to JP 2001-089748.

As a further concise statement of relevance for JP 2001-089748, an abstract of this document was cited and submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 17, 2005, together with an International Search Report that refers to this document.

Further, JP 2002-327171 and JP 2001-089748 are cited and discussed at pages 3 and 4 of the present specification.

Still further, the listed U.S. Patent 6,120,571 corresponds to the listed JP 11-012561, for which an abstract was cited and submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement of March 17, 2005, together with an International Search Report that refers to this document.

With respect to the listed JP 2002-327171, an abstract was cited and submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement of March 17, 2005, together with an International Search Report that refers to this document.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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